

The Riverfront Reporter

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Shamed by the amazing production of the teaboy (2 issues in 2 turns, can't match that I'm afraid), the editor of Riverfront Reporter has decided to pull his finger out and get a newsletter published. Andy is away on holiday so you're getting this amazing new look TRR for one week only (until next time anyway), mainly because it gives me an excuse to muck around with some new software. Anyway, enough of my rambling, divisional games await...

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Wildcard Review

Dolphins at Bengals

Cincinnati struggled for three quarters to put the visiting Dolphins away but a succession of redzone mistakes combined with solid punting kept Miami in with a shout. Finally in the fourth quarter the Bengals' offense broke out of its funk, going 95 yards in four plays for a touchdown that effectively ended the game.



Cowboys at Eagles

Dallas almost ruined an excellent defensive performance by handing the Eagles a healthy 11 point first half lead thanks to a fumble at their own 24, the Philly defense ran it back for a score which made up for the complete lack of production from their offense. In second half, however, the Cowboys' defense continued to dominate while their offense slowly began to crank it up. Two second half passing touchdowns sealed the comeback, and



the game for Dallas.

Divisional Game Previews

Bengals at Colts



In their week three meeting the Bengals got off to a fast start before the Colts defense took control and allowed Indy to come back in the second half. Cincinnati will be looking to considerably improve their offensive performance and contain the Indianapolis passing game. The Colts will be looking to run the ball more effectively

than the 31 yards on 30 carries they managed the last time.



Seahawks at Steelers

Pittsburgh have been dominant all season with their aggressive defense and free wheeling offense. In week three Seattle were never even close to being in the game and, while they have improved as the season has worn on, they do not look like they have the tools to take on the Steelers. Pittsburgh have proven vulnerable to the run at times this season, but not much else.

STEELERS BY 14

Cowboys at Panthers

If anyone has a defense capable of slowing the free scoring Carolina offense, it's Dallas. However, the Panthers have an effective defense too, and the Cowboys' offense is less than spectacular. Best chance for Dallas is to keep the game close and home for some big plays, but Carolina have had a week off to rest and prepare for this one and I expect they'll be ready. PANTHERS BY 14



everyone drafting before them was happy with their current starting QB. Washington, Atlanta, San Diego and New England will all be happy with the good value they got for high draft picks while Dallas added the deep threat their offense was sorely in need of and, rumour has it, made funds available for a big free agent signing. In Cincinnati the Bengals shocked everyone by taking a LB, despite the incumbents being one of the better units in the league. Rumours that the entire Bengals' draft day team 'thought the draft started tomorrow' have yet to be confirmed.

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Giants at Bears

This wasn't that close in the regular season, however the Giants have improved markedly since that first meeting and fully deserve their playoff place. Perhaps the best offense in the league takes on one of the best defenses - a classic matchup. I don't expect New York to be able to stop the Bears' offense all the time, but they'll stop them some of the time. The game could hinge on how well the Giants' offense is able to take advantage of it's opportunities. BEARS BY 3



Whispers from around the NFLAY

The rather bemused Panthers coaching staff are trying to work out how to fit 1st round choice QB Chris Weinke into the team. Rumour is he will play pre-season at Tail-Back.

Bengals owners are irate after 'idiot' player personnel people wasted one of the best drafts in recent memory by drafting another benchwarming LB, rumour has it the LB will be joining the scouts on the dole queue...



Draft Review

The Panthers and Giants picked up the two best players available, as it turned out

Well, that's all for this (long awaited) eleventh issue of Riverfront Reporter. Next turn will hopefully feature the return of the teaboy and Cub Reporter Issue 3. Send your contributions to Andy at:

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